

# **ADVISORY**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## LANCASTER AND VENTURA VETERANS HOMES GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 12 AND 13

**EVENT:** 

The California Department of Veterans Affairs, in partnership with the local communities of Lancaster and Ventura, local elected officials, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announces the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Lancaster and Ventura veterans homes. The groundbreaking ceremony for the West Los Angeles veterans home is postponed until a later date. The times and locations for the Lancaster and Ventura groundbreaking ceremonies are as follows:

#### **LANCASTER**

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 9:00 A.M. 3101 West Avenue I Lancaster, CA 93536

### **VENTURA**

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 9:00A.M. 10900 Telephone Road Ventura, CA 93004

WHO: Representatives from the California Department of Veterans Affairs

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Local Elected Representatives

Representatives from veterans service organizations

BACKGROUND:

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs lists California as one of two states in "Great Need" for additional Veterans Homes. The State's voters, Legislature, and Governors all recognized this critical need and responded. Enabling legislation (the Veterans Home Bond Act of 2000, AB 2559 [Wesson] of 2002, and AB 1077 [Wesson] of 2004) has made funds available to develop and construct new Veterans Homes in Lancaster, Ventura, West Los Angeles, Fresno, and Redding. These funds are the matching requirement to receive a grant from the USDVA State Home Grant Program, which provides the majority of the project costs.

Attn: News Editors – Color renderings of the three veterans homes are available by email by contacting <a href="mailto:Jaime.Arteaga@cdva.ca.gov">Jaime.Arteaga@cdva.ca.gov</a>.